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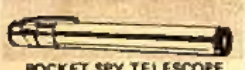

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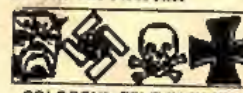

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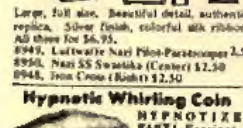

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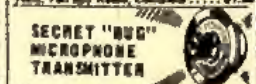

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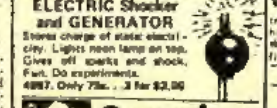

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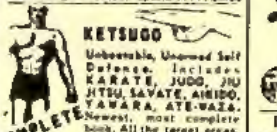

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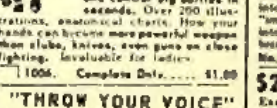

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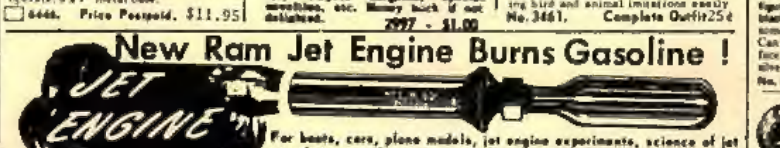

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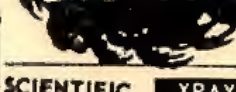

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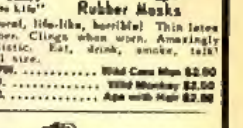

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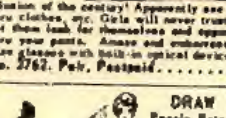

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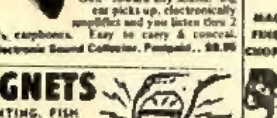

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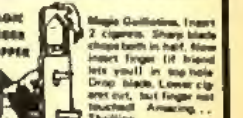

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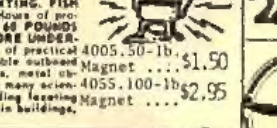

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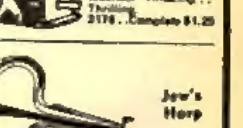

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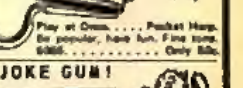

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"AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!"

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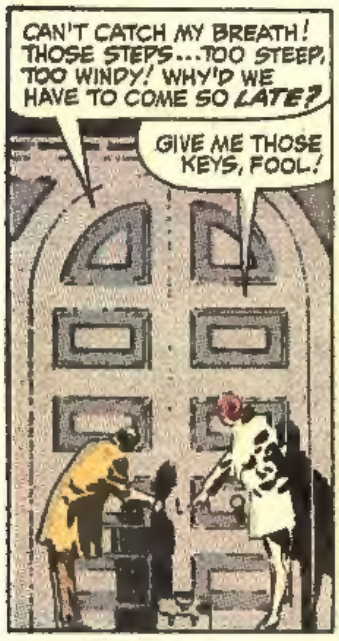
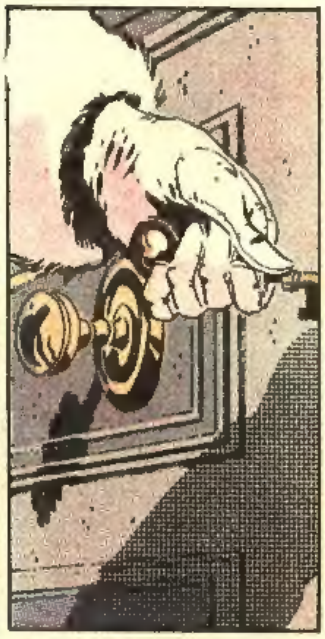
THE LONG, HARROWING DRIVE HAD MADE THE COUPLE EDGY! NOW, AN ICY WIND BLEW ACROSS THE WATER, WHISPERED TO THEM AS THEY BEGAN TO ASCEND THE STEPS CUT INTO THE VERY FACE OF THE BLEAK ROCK!

MARIE WONDERED HOW IT COULD EVER HAVE BEEN BUILT, OR WHY THE WIND HAD NOT TOPPLED IT FROM ITS LOFTY AND FORLORN PERCH!

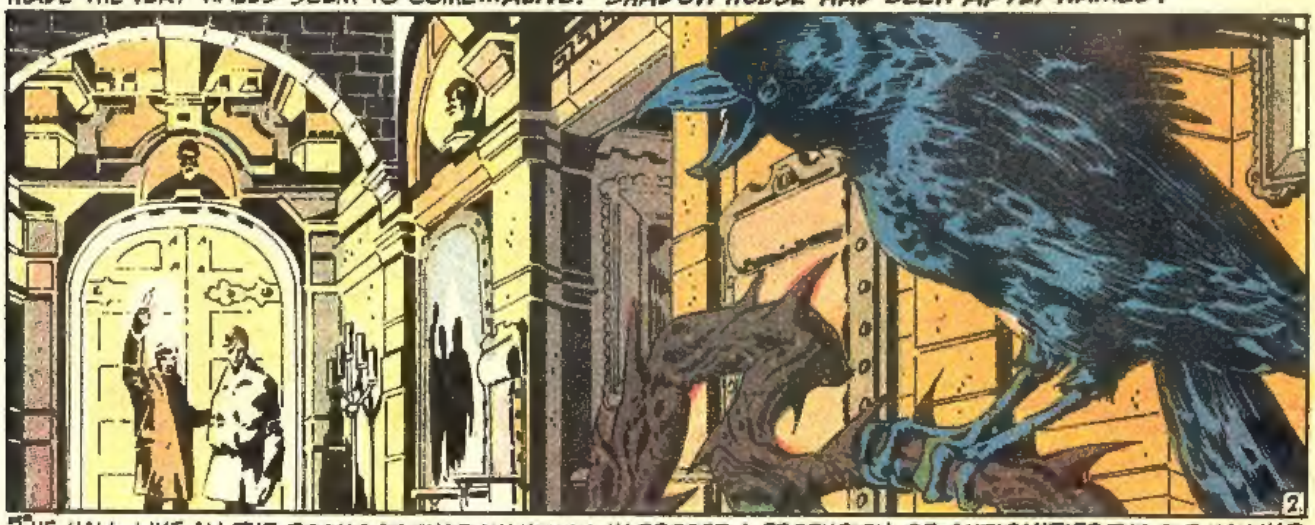
FROM ITS BASE THE CLIMB SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY AS IT WOUND AN ANGULAR PATH EVER UPWARD!

AND, ABOVE THEM, *SHADOW HOUSE* WAITED!

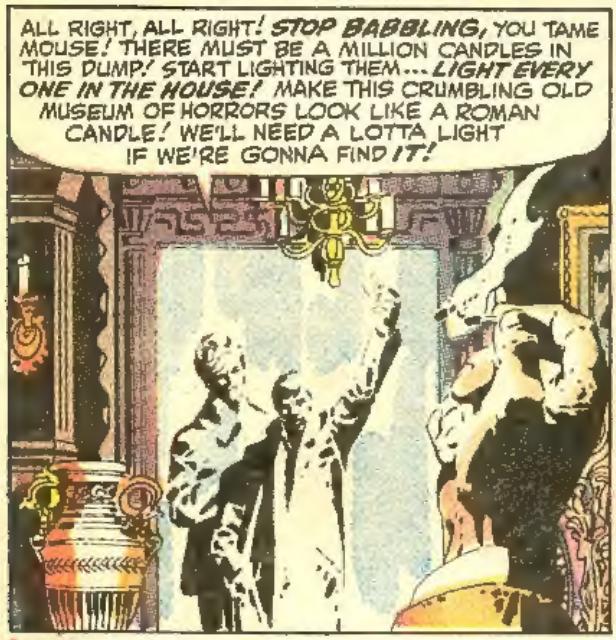




INSIDE, LOU FOWLER STRUCK A MATCH, BLINKED AS HIS EYES ADJUSTED TO THE GLOOM! YES, IT WAS *EXACTLY* THE SAME AS WHEN HE LAST SAW IT! IT WAS *ALWAYS* THE SAME! A CHILL SWEPT ALONG HIS SPINE UNTIL THE HAIR AT THE BACK OF HIS NECK STOOD UP! THE LIGHT EBBED, CAUSING A FLICKERING PLAY OF SHADOWS THAT MADE THE VERY WALLS SEEM TO COME...*ALIVE! SHADOW HOUSE HAD BEEN APTLY NAMED!*



THE HALL, LIKE ALL THE ROOMS AT SHADOW HOUSE, HARBORED A PROFUSION OF *ANTIQUITIES* THE OLD MAN HAD SPENT A LIFETIME COLLECTING! AN ODD, ALMOST *EERIE,* COLLECTION OF MISCELLANEA FILLED EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY!



THEN, THEY BEGAN TO SEARCH! MARIE PLUNGED INTO EVERY DARK CORNER, DRIVEN BY HER PASSION FOR WEALTH!

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LOU BEGAN CAUTIOUSLY, MOVING SLOWLY, OFTEN LOOKING BEHIND AS IF EXPECTING SOMEONE OR *SOMETHING* TO APPEAR... SILENTLY, SUDDENLY!

HE REMEMBERED HOW THE HOUSE HAD TERRIFIED HIM AS A *BOY!* THE WEEK HIS MOTHER WAS SICK, HE HAD COME TO STAY WITH HIS UNCLE!

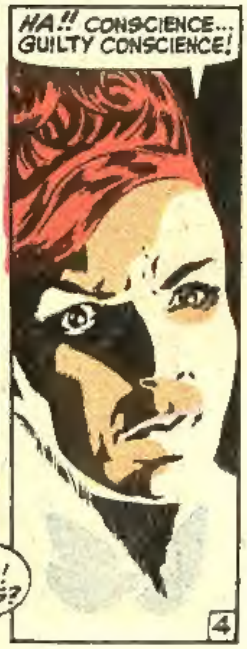
HE HAD LAIN AWAKE NIGHTS, HEARING STRANGE *SOUNDS,* SPENT DAYS WANDERING ABOUT THE DREARY HALLWAYS FLANKED BY LOCKED ROOMS!

NOW, HE WAS *NOT ANXIOUS* TO DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF SHADOW HOUSE!

HE HADN'T LIKED THE PLAN, BUT HE HAD *AGREED* WITH MARIE! *DIDN'T HE ALWAYS!* THE MONEY WOULD BUY HER THINGS, MAKE HER HAPPY, MAKE HER LOVE HIM MORE! YES, HE HAD TO FIND IT!

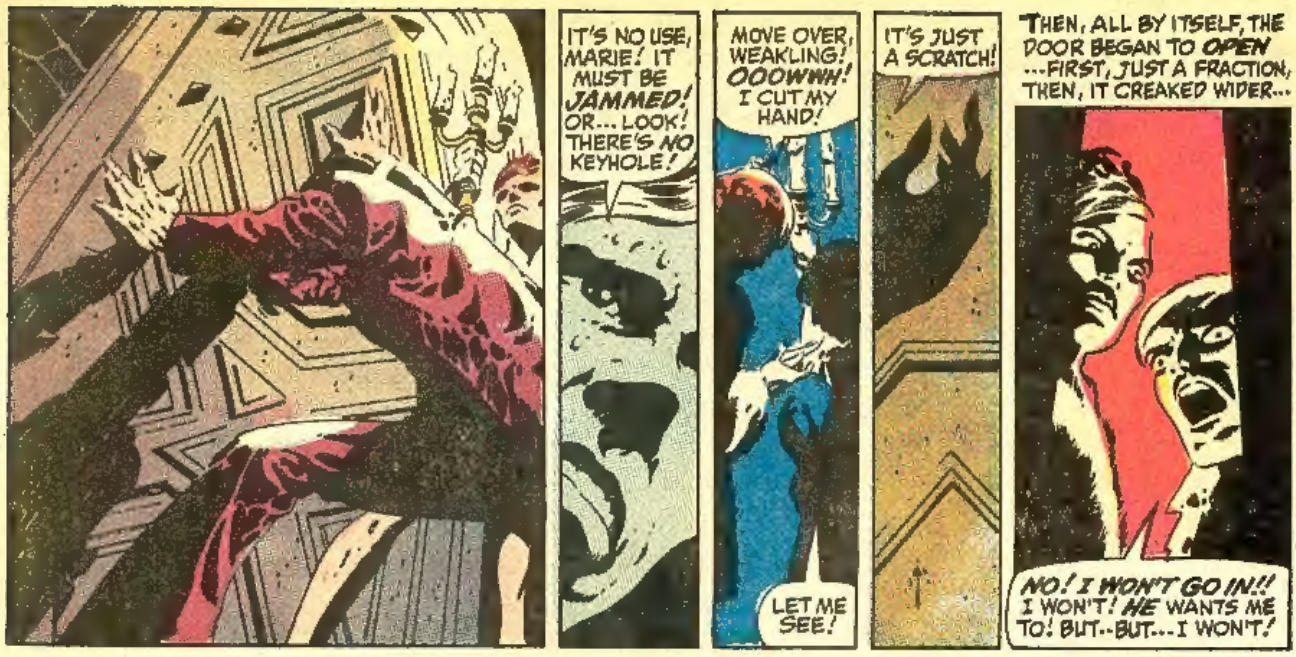
HE MANAGED AN APPROVING SMILE TO BOLSTER HIS CONFIDENCE... AND MOUNTED THE WAITING STAIRWAY...

A DOZEN HEARTBEATS LATER, HE BEGAN TO *SHRIEK*...

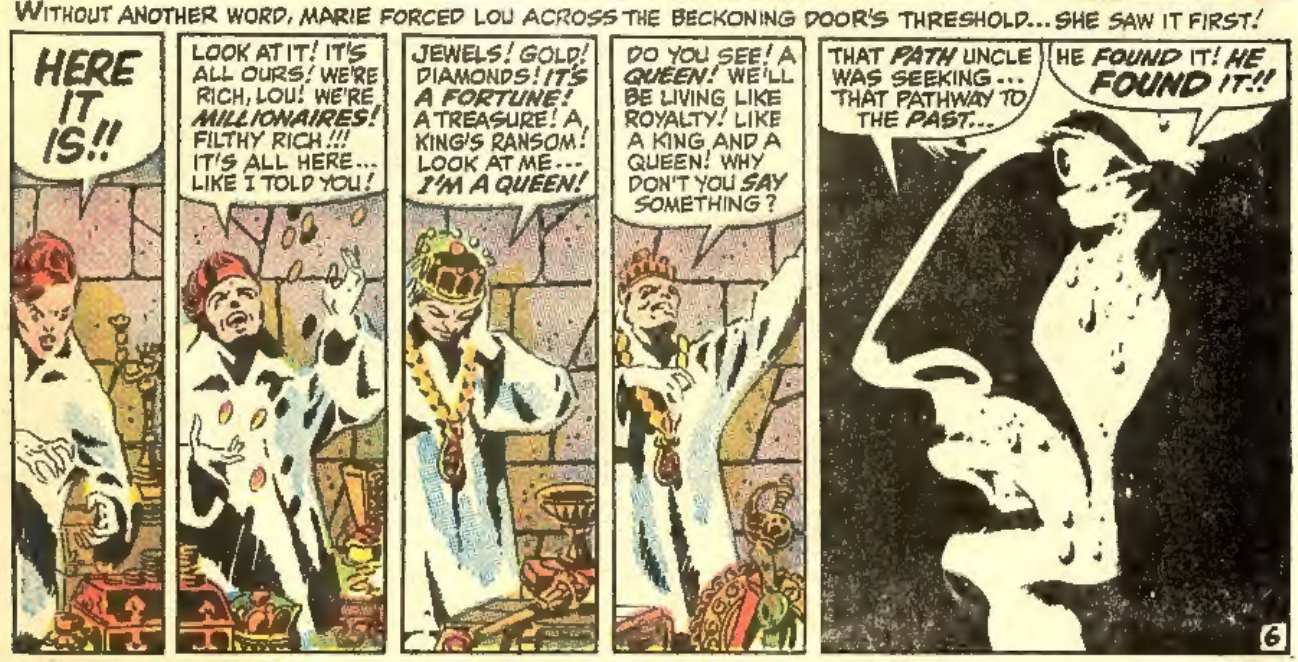


THE HEAVY OAK DOOR SCREECHED OPEN AND A MUSTY SMELL ASSAULTED THEM AS THEY THRUST THE CANDELABRA INSIDE!

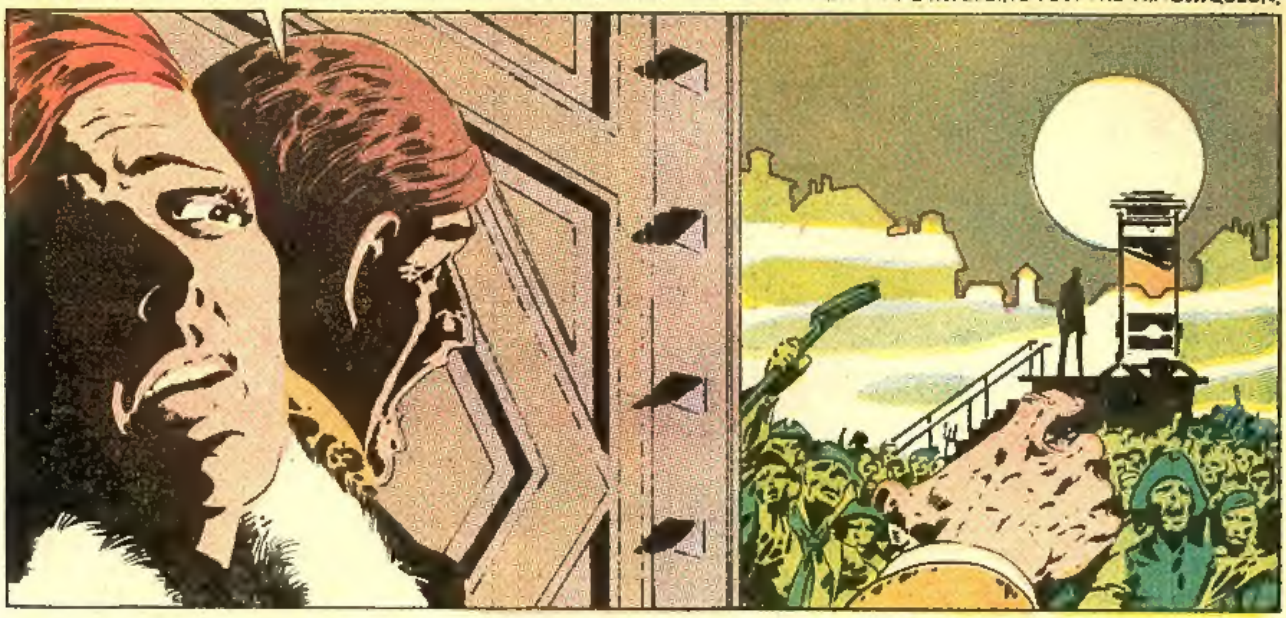
SPIDERS FLED THEIR SILKY WEBS AS THE FOWLERS PENETRATED AND PROBED THE ROOM, ONLY TO FIND...NOTHING!



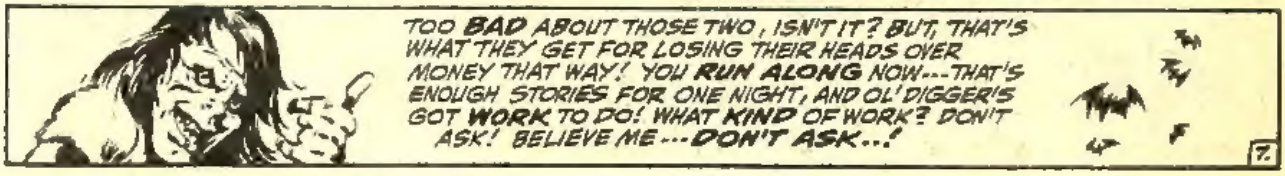
WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, MARIE FORCED LOU ACROSS THE BECKONING DOOR'S THRESHOLD... SHE SAW IT FIRST!



BUT IT LEADS TO--THE 18TH CENTURY--THE FRENCH REVOLUTION--PEOPLE LOOKING AT US...YELLING FOR THE KING...QUEEN!



NO ONE EVER HEARD OF THE FOWLERS AGAIN! THE CANDLES THAT LIT THE STRANGE GOTHIC HALLWAYS HAVE LONG SINCE BURNT OUT! NOW, ONLY THE SOUND OF THE SEA CAN BE HEARD! SHADOW HOUSE IS DARK ONCE MORE!



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FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD--A BABY!

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, SHE'S GONNA HAVE A BABY!!

WHAT A SENSE OF TIMING!

A DOZEN CREDITORS ON MY BACK ALREADY ...NOW THIS!

THANK THE LORD THAT JANIE DOESN'T KNOW HOW WORRIED I AM...

...BUT WHAT THE DEVIL AM I GONNA DO?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO FINISH WRITING MY BOOK SOONER AND FASTER THAN I PLANNED, THAT'S ALL!

I'VE GOT ALMOST EVERYTHING I NEED TO COMPLETE IT NOW--EXCEPT THE ONE THING I NEED MOST!

THE REASON WHY!

WHY DOES HATHAWAY DO IT??

"WHY DOES HATHAWAY DO IT?"--THAT ONE THOUGHT'S BEEN PLAGUING YOU FOR MONTHS, HASN'T IT, ARTHUR WATSON... EVER SINCE YOU MET HAYDEN HATHAWAY AND BEGAN WRITING MY BIOGRAPHY OF HIS STARTLING CAREER....!

THEN, MR. HATHAWAY, YOU BELIEVE ALL SEANCES ARE--FIXED?!

I KNOW THEY ARE!

IN MOST CASES, THE "SPIRITS" THAT ARE "CONTACTED" ARE MERELY PROJECTED ON A FILM SCREEN TO GIVE A GHOSTLY EFFECT!

FROM THE FIRST, ARTHUR, YOU STOOD IN AWE OF HAYDEN HATHAWAY... ...WHO, AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMED SPIRITUAL RESEARCH SOCIETY, HAD EARNED AN AMAZING RECORD AS A DEBUNKER OF FAKE SPIRITUALISTS...!

AHHH... HERE IT IS...

THE HIDDEN WIRE THAT OPENS AND CLOSES YOUR SECRET PANEL!

HATHAWAY'S--INCREDIBLE!

GET OUT OF HERE--BOTH OF YOU!

CAN'T YOU LET A GUY MAKE A LIVING??

YES, HATHAWAY'S ABILITY TO EXPOSE A MEDIUM'S METHOD OF FAKERY HAD BEEN ASTOUNDING... HIS RECORD UNBLEMISHED BY FAILURE, AND HIS ZEAL EXTRAORDINARY...

YOU'RE A PHONY, FRIEND, AND I CAN PROVE IT!

WHAT'S MORE, I WILL--IF YOU'RE NOT OUT OF TOWN IN PRECISELY ONE HOUR!

ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN--BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BOTHER SAVIN' PEOPLE'S MONEY FOR 'EM!

AND YOU KNOW THE MEDIUM WAS RIGHT, ARTHUR WATSON, FOR HATHAWAY'S ZEAL SEEMS MORE THAN ZEAL... ALMOST A NEUROTIC COMPULSION...

WELL, I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS HATHAWAY THING SOON!

A FEW MORE SEANCES, AND I KNOW ALL THE PIECES WILL FIT TOGETHER... SOMEHOW!

IT'S GOT TO BE SOON... 'CAUSE GETTING MY BOOK ABOUT HIS LIFE PUBLISHED WOULD SOLVE SO MANY PROBLEMS!

YOU PARK THE CAR AND SHUT THE IGNITION... FOR A LONG MOMENT YOU SIT, QUIETLY SURVEYING THE DREARY BUILDING WHICH IS YOUR DESTINATION THIS NIGHT OF NIGHTS...

THAT'S THE RIGHT ADDRESS, ALL RIGHT... BRRRRR...!

MUST BE THIS BLASTED RAIN... IT MAKES EVERYTHING LOOK... SPOOKY...!

A GLANCE AT YOUR WATCH TELLS YOU TO HURRY... IT'S NEARLY ELEVEN! SO YOU LEAVE THE CAR, AND AWKWARDLY DESCEND THE STEPS TO THE CELLAR APARTMENT...!

YOU'VE MET MANY SPIRITUALISTS, ARTHUR WATSON, SINCE HATHAWAY AGREED TO LET YOU COVER HIS CAREER... BUT NONE QUITE LIKE THE BREATHTAKING BEAUTY WHO OPENS THE DOOR...!

I'M... ARTHUR WATSON!

I'M TO MEET MR. HATHAWAY...!

I KNOW... COME IN!

MR. HATHAWAY HAS JUST ARRIVED!

WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

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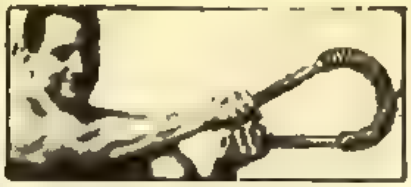

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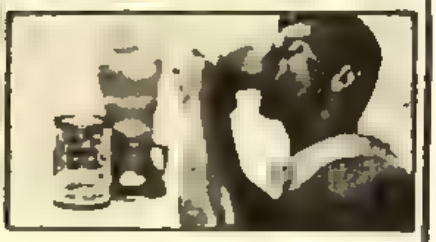

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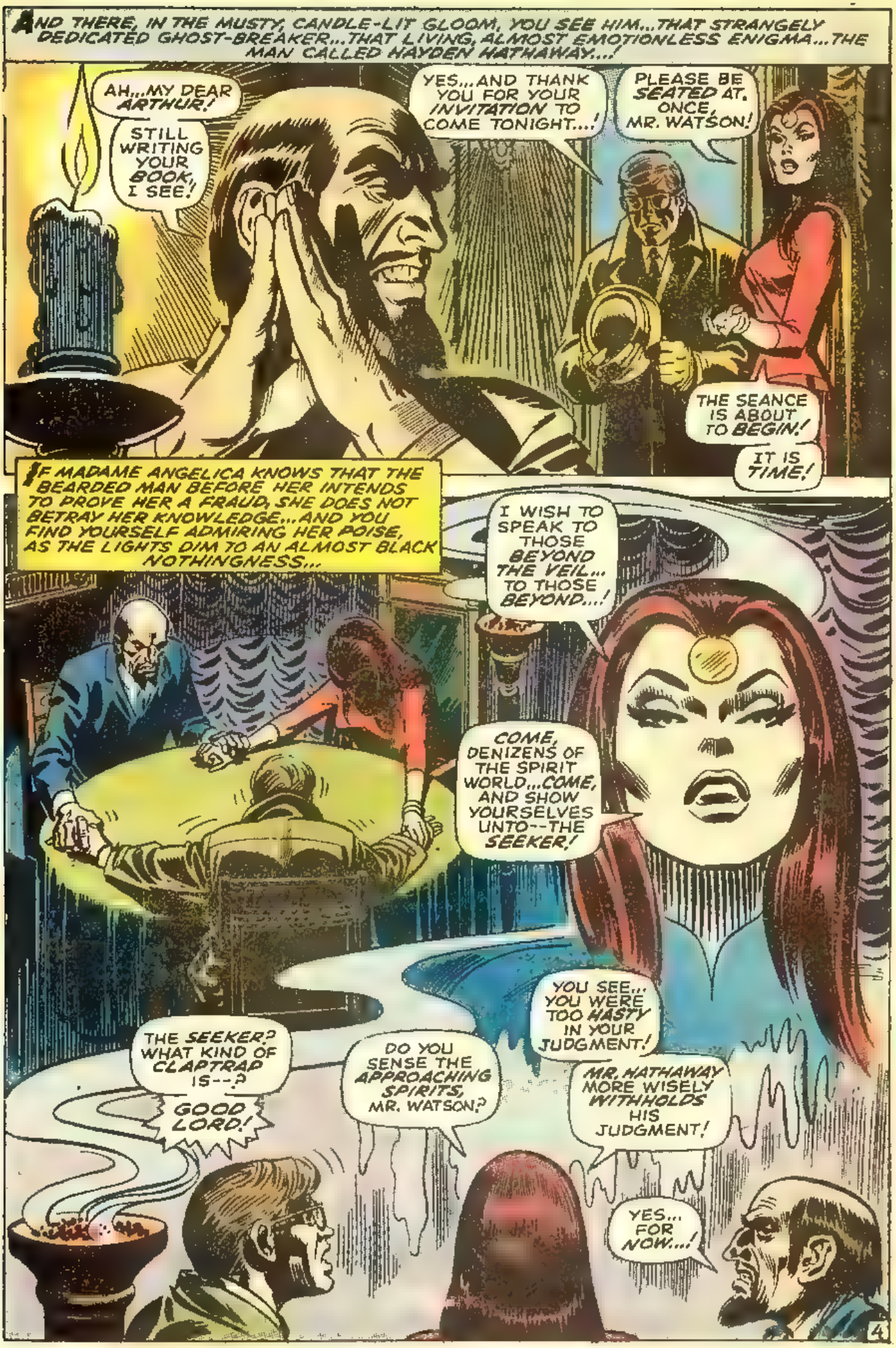
AND THERE, IN THE MUSTY, CANDLE-LIT GLOOM, YOU SEE HIM...THAT STRANGELY DEDICATED GHOST-BREAKER...THAT LIVING, ALMOST EMOTIONLESS ENIGMA...THE MAN CALLED HAYDEN HATHAWAY...!
AH...MY DEAR ARTHUR!
STILL WRITING YOUR BOOK, I SEE!
YES...AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO COME TONIGHT...!
PLEASE BE SEATED AT ONCE, MR. WATSON!
THE SEANCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
IT IS TIME!
IF MADAME ANGELICA KNOWS THAT THE BEARDED MAN BEFORE HER INTENDS TO PROVE HER A FRAUD, SHE DOES NOT BETRAY HER KNOWLEDGE...AND YOU FIND YOURSELF ADMIRING HER POISE, AS THE LIGHTS DIM TO AN ALMOST BLACK NOTHINGNESS...
I WISH TO SPEAK TO THOSE BEYOND THE VEIL... TO THOSE BEYOND...!
COME, DENIZENS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD...COME, AND SHOW YOURSELVES UNTO--THE SEEKER!
YOU SEE... YOU WERE TOO HASTY IN YOUR JUDGMENT!
THE SEEKER? WHAT KIND OF CLAPTRAP IS--?
GOOD LORD!
DO YOU SENSE THE APPROACHING SPIRITS, MR. WATSON?
MR. HATHAWAY MORE WISELY WITHHOLDS HIS JUDGMENT!
YES... FOR NOW...!
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SOON, IN THE DARKNESS, YOU HEAR VISIONS AND SOUNDS FROM THE LONG DEAD PAST...THE APPARITIONS AND GHOSTLY VOICES WHO CLAIM TO BE MEMBERS OF HATHAWAY'S FAMILY...!

FOR WHAT SEEMS AN ETERNITY, YOU SIT WATCHING AND LISTENING, AS VISIONS APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR...AS SPIRIT AFTER SPIRIT ECHOES EERIE SOUNDS AND MESSAGES TO HAYDEN HATHAWAY ...AND YOU ARE IMPRESSED!

BUT EVENTUALLY, THE VOICES GROW WEAKER ...THE GHOSTLY IMAGES FADE...AND YOU FIND YOURSELF WIPING YOUR PERSPIRING BROW AND WATCHING INTENTLY AS MADAME ANGELICA COMES OUT OF HER TRANCE...

I...I AM TIRED... VERY TIRED!

THE SPIRITS TONIGHT... WERE MORE EXHAUSTING THAN USUAL!

INDEED?

WELL, I MUST SAY THAT YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BEST I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!

BUT YOU HAVEN'T DECEIVED ME FOR A MOMENT!

AND, TO PROVE IT, I'M GOING TO REVEAL ALL YOUR TRICKS... ALL YOUR WIRES AND GADGETS AND TAPE-RECORDERS...

...AND I'LL BEGIN BY FINDING ALL THE SECRET BUTTONS AND WIRING ON YOUR CHAIR BY WHICH YOU CONTROL...

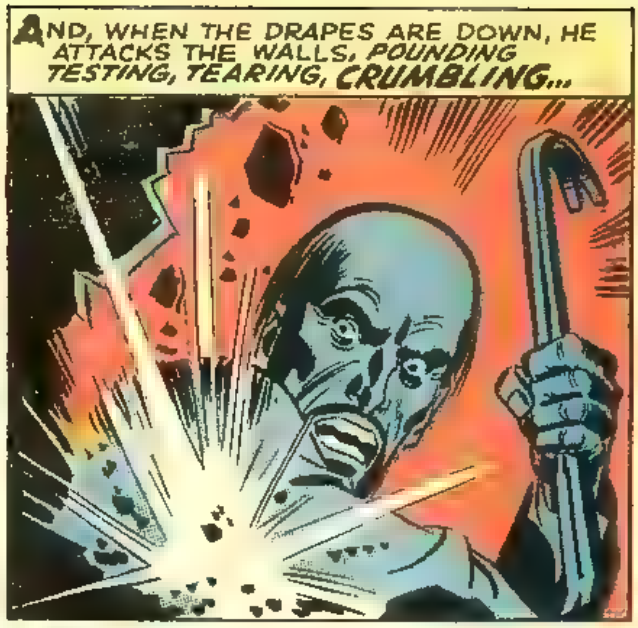
"HMPF!" VERY CLEVER! THERE AREN'T ANY SECRET BUTTONS OR CONNECTING WIRES...BUT STILL--!

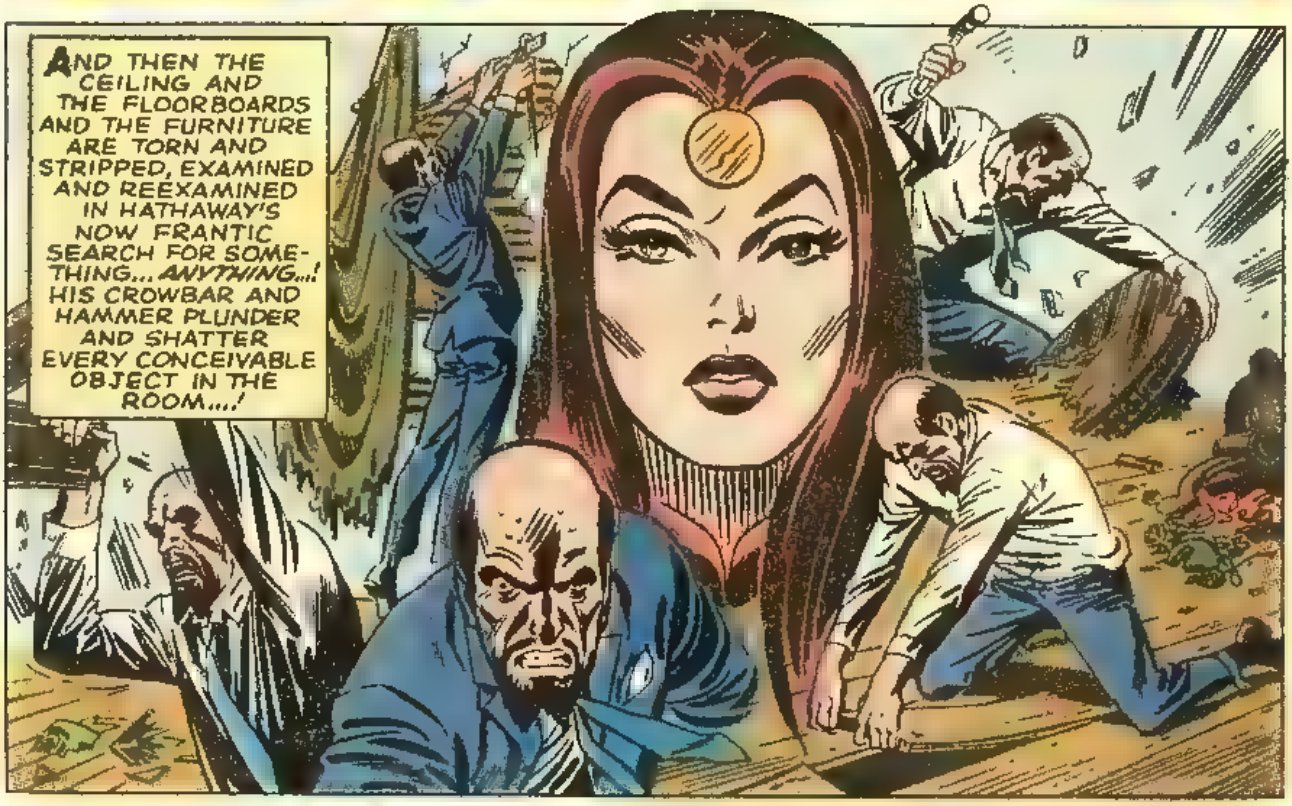
HAYDEN HATHAWAY MOVES TO THE FAR WALL TO EXPOSE THE MOVIE PROJECTOR HIDDEN BEHIND THE DRAPERIES, ...BUT HE FINDS ONLY A BLANK WALL!

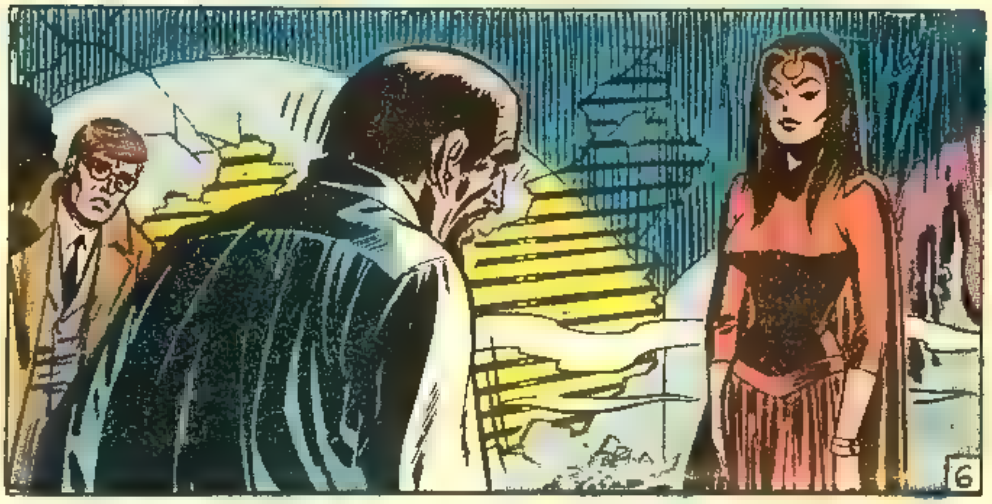
HA! VERY GOOD! THE PROJECTOR IS HIDDEN BY A SLIDING WALL PANEL!

WELL, THIS CROWBAR WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF IT!

BUT, WHEN THE PANELLING AND WALL HAVE BEEN BARED, THERE IS STILL-- NOTHING! HATHAWAY BEGINS TEARING DOWN THE DRAPES...
GET OUT OF THE WAY, YOU! IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...
R-RIP!
ONLY A MATTER OF TIME TILL I FIND ONE CLUE... ONE LEAD!


AND, WHEN THE DRAPES ARE DOWN, HE ATTACKS THE WALLS, POUNDING TESTING, TEARING, CRUMBLING...


AND THEN THE CEILING AND THE FLOORBOARDS AND THE FURNITURE ARE TORN AND STRIPPED, EXAMINED AND REEXAMINED IN HATHAWAY'S NOW FRANTIC SEARCH FOR SOMETHING... ANYTHING...! HIS CROWBAR AND HAMMER PLUNDER AND SHATTER EVERY CONCEIVABLE OBJECT IN THE ROOM....!


...UNTIL, AT LAST, EXHAUSTED AND SPENT, AMID THE CLUTTER AND RUBBLE, HE STANDS FACING MADAME ANGELICA...AND YOU BEGIN TO SUSPECT THAT HATHAWAY HAS FINALLY MET A SPIRITUALIST WHO IS TOO CLEVER FOR HIM... AND THAT HIS STRING OF VICTORIES IS ABOUT TO BE BROKEN....!

BUT, TO YOUR SURPRISE, HAYDEN HATHAWAY APPEARS TO BE ALMOST *PLEASED* AT THE PROSPECT OF DEFEAT...!

YOU *KNOW*, DON'T YOU? YOU KNOW *EVERYTHING!*

YOU KNOW *WHY* I HAVE MADE A CAREER OF EXPOSING FALSE MEDIUMS, PHONY SPIRITUALISTS!

YES... I KNOW!

THE *SPIRITS* HAVE TOLD ME! *LONG AGO* HAVE THEY TOLD ME!

YOU HAVE BEEN *SEARCHING* ...SEARCHING FOR A *TRUE* MEDIUM! SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE WHO COULD *TRULY* COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAD... SEARCHING...

...FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN PASS THROUGH THE DOORWAY TO THE *WORLD BEYOND*... AND WHO CAN BRING *OTHERS* THROUGH THAT DOORWAY...!

SEARCHING...BECAUSE HAYDEN HATHAWAY *DIED* MANY YEARS AGO... AND *YOU*, HIS *SPIRIT*, HAVE BEEN ROAMING THE EARTH, RESTLESSLY *SEEKING* THAT DOORWAY... AND *PEACE!*

YES... *YES!*

HUDDLED TENSELY IN THE DARK SHADOWS, YOU STARE *UNBELIEVING*... AS MADAME ANGELICA TAKES HATHAWAY'S ARM AND LEADS HIM INTO THE *DARKNESS*...

COME WITH ME, HAYDEN HATHAWAY! *I* AM THE DOORWAY YOU SEEK! YOUR *FAMILY* IS WAITING...

GREAT SC...SCOTT! THEY'RE DISAPPEARING! --INTO *NOWHERE!*

NOW, ARTHUR WATSON, YOU SLUMP AGAINST THE SHATTERED WALL, YOUR BODY *QUAKING*, YOUR HAIR *WHITENED* BY SHOCK... SOBBING... MUMBLING SOUNDS LOST DEEP IN YOUR THROAT...

AND, AT YOUR FEET ARE STREWN THE CRUMPLED *PAGES* OF A MANUSCRIPT THAT CAN NEVER BE *WRITTEN*... FOR WHO WOULD BELIEVE? *WHO WOULD BELIEVE?*

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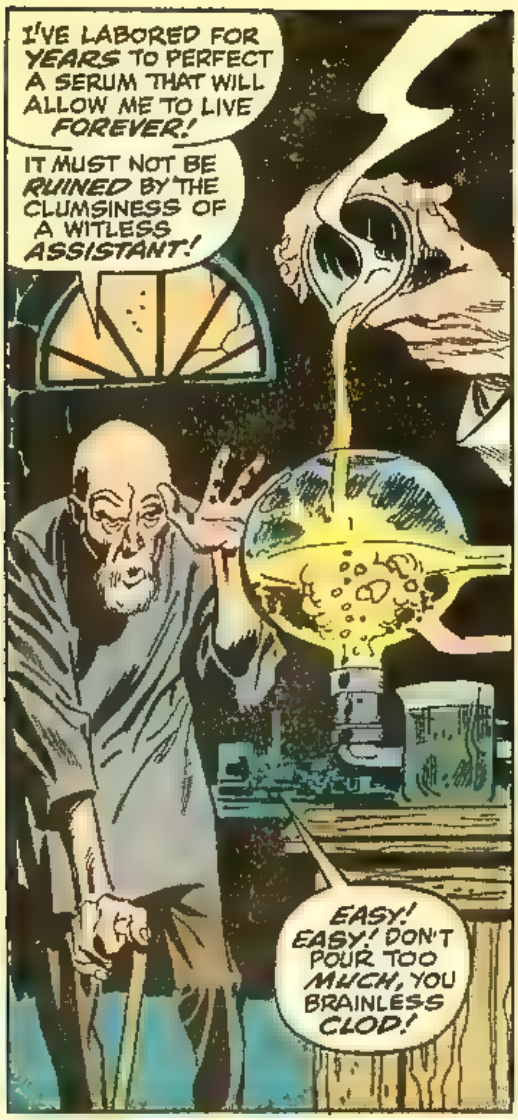

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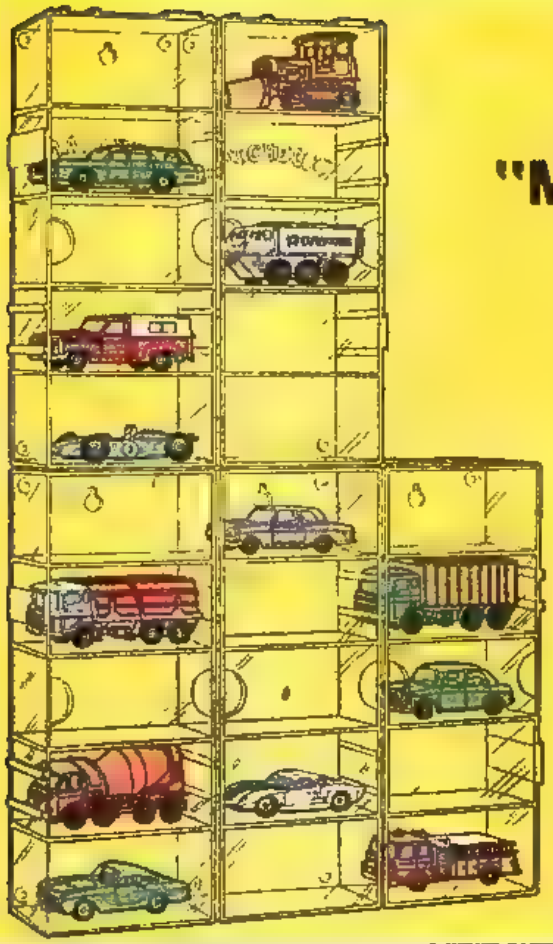

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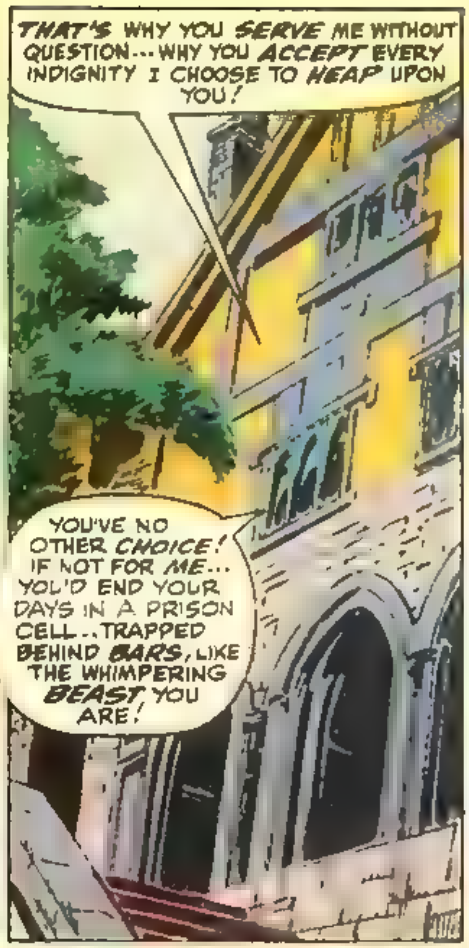
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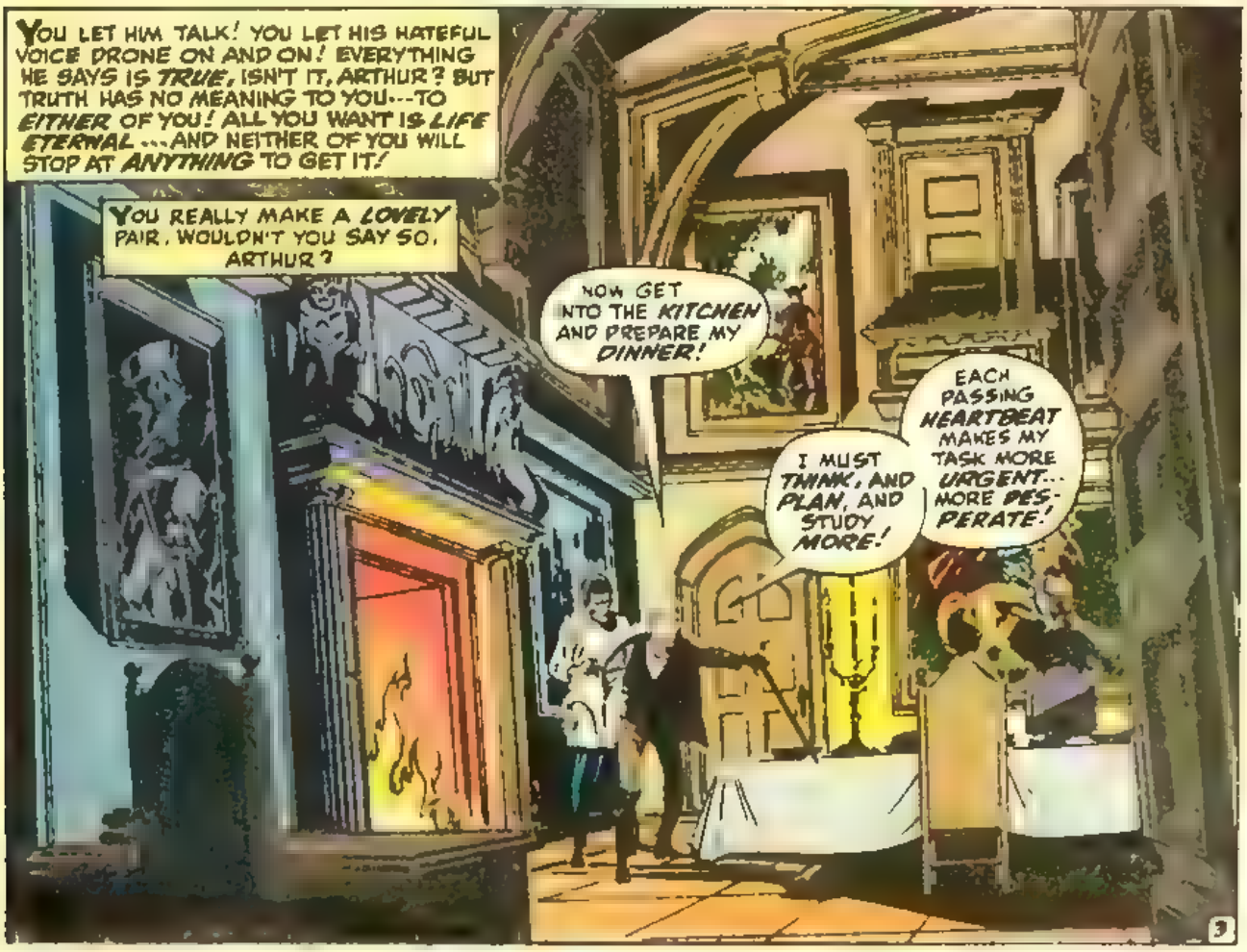
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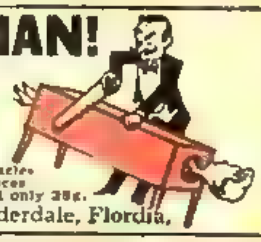

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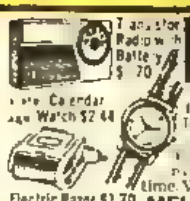

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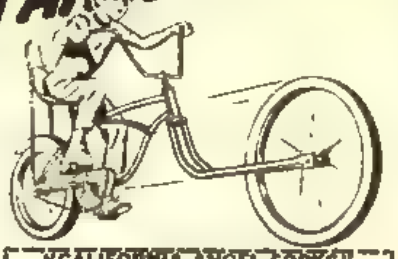

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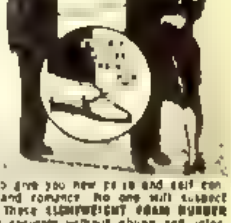

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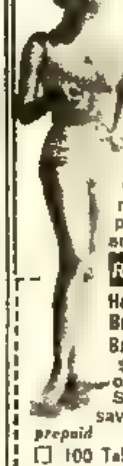

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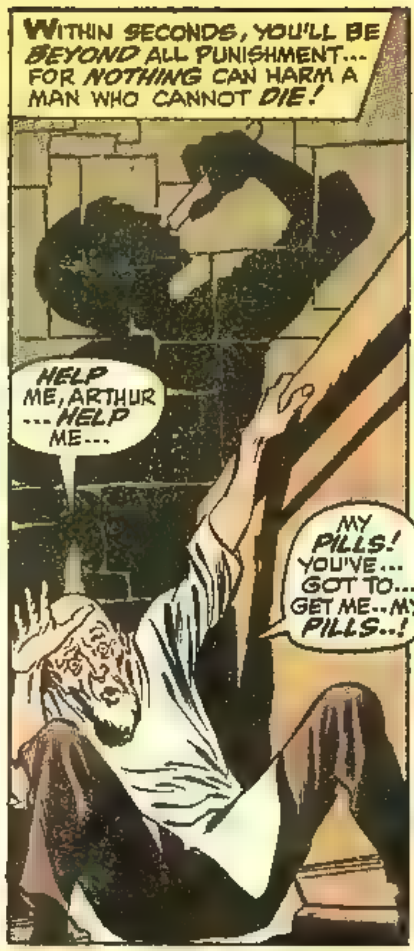
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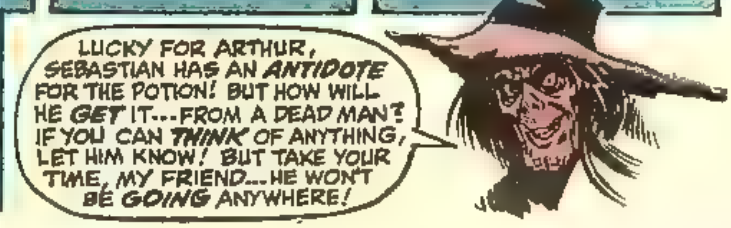
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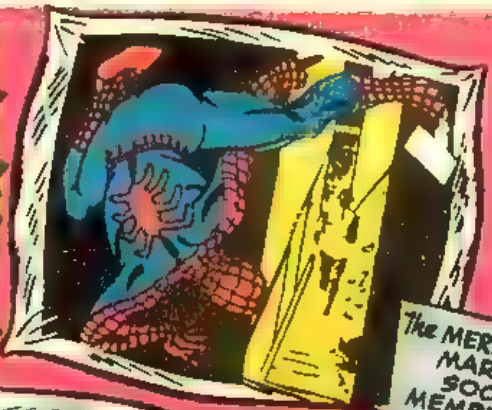

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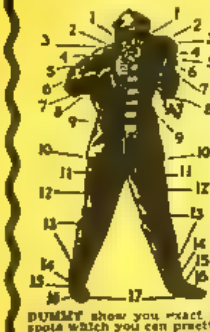

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ITEM! Have you been wondering what's happened to Jaunty JIM STERANKO? Well, the news is finally out. Starting this month, you'll see him represented in Marvel's newest and most off-beat suspense mags — TOWER OF SHADOWS and CHAMBER OF DARKNESS! Those of you who are dyed in the wool fans of ghost stories, witchcraft, and tales of the macabre (and who isn't?) are gonna have a real field day with these groovy grotesqueries — and wait' you see who some of the other artists are!

ITEM! We know you've been hangin' by your thumbs waiting to learn the names of our two new romance mags also! (Think of the bread you'll save buying THESE for your gal friends instead of diamonds and Ro is Royces!) The titles are MY LOVE and OUR LOVE STORY . (Kinda grabs you, huh?) . and, if you think Ring A-Ding ROMITA and Big JOHN BUSCEMA are unbeatable at superhero stuff, you'll blow your cerebelums when you see the way they handle these tintinnabulatin' tear-jerkers! (Know something? With our nutty luck, they'll probably become runaway best-sellers and we'll be stuck doing 'em forever! Oh well — it's better than working!)

ITEM! Here's a belated "Thank-u" to Blushin' BILL RYAN, an old fan of ours who's now a song-writer/vocalist with the wildly sensational SNOW. Their newest album cover is probably the artiest of the month. Y'know, we're suddenly reminded that we have so many good friends in the recording biz that it may not pay us to hire any more artists for the batty Bullpen unless they can sing or play a guitar! The only thing buggin' us is — how come the N.Y. Philharmonic haven't sent us THEIR latest release yet? C'mon, Lennie boy — let's get with it, huh?

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ITEM! Rascally ROY's been skipping around with a smile from ear to ear lately. Why? We thought you'd never ask! It seems that Big JOHN B's talented kid brother will be taking over the illustration chores of THE AVENGERS starting next month. Yep. Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA is not only one of the top inkers around, but when you see his pencil work you'll realize why the Bullpen figures we oughtta keep the two Mr. B's under lock and key like for the next hundred years!

ITEM! It looks as though sunny California has been agreeing with the King! Yep, since moving out there, Jolly JACK KIRBY has been working faster than ever and is actually getting ahead of his super-human schedule! This means he may have time to handle still another mag within the next year. So here's your chance to sound off again, faithful one! Which strip is most worthy of the Master's touch? Should we finally launch the INHUMANS? DR. DOOM? KA-ZAR? Or, do you have some other oldie or newie you'd like him to bring to life? Sock it to us, sweetie, and we'll let you know how the mail keeps coming in!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Every time one of our sagacious superheroes guest-stars in another mag we get bombarded with the same type of complaints from Marveldom Assembled! "How can Thor be fighting litterbugs with Nick Fury when he's in outer space with Winken, Blinken, and Nod in his own mag?" Or "How can Captain America be trapped by Aunt May in Spidey's mag when he's running a school for teen-age dropouts in his own swingin' stanza?" So, we have two choices. Either we stop crossover guest-starring, or we ask you to permit us a little literary license. If the doings of one of our repertory players in his own mag doesn't seem to jibe with his cameo appearance in some other mag during the same month, let's just say that one story took place a few days before, or after the other, and let it go at that, huh? Anyway, we'll try it for a while and see how it shakes you! (And, if the aforementioned has in any way confused you — welcome to the club!)

Excelsior!
Smiley

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SPIDER-MAN #76: You knew we've been leading up to it for months — and now, it's happening! Spidey battles the loathsome Lizard, in one of the most daringly dramatic dazzlers of all!

CAPTAIN AMERICA #117: Introducing Marvel's newest and possibly most dynamic fighting hero — the Falcon! Also, see Cap battle, single-handed, against the deadly Exiles! Better buy it fast!

AVENGERS #67: To fight the invincible foe — that's the impossible mission of our awesome assemblers aided by Iron Man and the mighty Thor! For . . . Ultron-6 lives!

X-MEN #59: "Do or Die, Baby!" The title tells it all — as our masked misfits battle to the finish with the Sentinels! With a way-out wind-up that'll rock ya!

DAREDEVIL #55: It's kill or be killed, when DD takes on the sinister Mr. Fear — high above the sprawling city! But, to make things even worse — our scarlet swashbuckler's turned coward! When it rains — !

THOR #167: The Thunder God receives the most awesome punishment of all — at the hands of the all-powerful Odin! See Don Blake on earth once more! See the villainy of Loki! Greatness lurks within!

HULK #119: Once again, the green-skinned rampager must face the murderous might of the mad Maximus and his band of evil Inhumans! If action is your dish, this one's a feast!

IRON MAN #17: The marauder called Midas — the macabre Madame Masque — and an LMD who has vowed to destroy Tony Stark — and take his place! No wonder we call it — "The Beginning of the End!"

SUB-MARINER #17: Namor begins a quest which will take him to the land of his birth — only to encounter a menace from the very stars! And, wait'll you learn the far-out scheme of — the Stalker!

CAPTAIN MARVEL #16: A new life — and a colorful new costume — for Mar-Vell, as our space born superhero takes on the entire Kree Galaxy! Plus, at long last — the sinister secret of Zo! A turning point!

SHIELD #14: A day in the life of Nick Fury — but what a day! 'Cause, now the hostile hordes of Hydra have joined Shield on the trail of our hard-hitting fugitive! Thrill follows thrill!

DR. STRANGE #182: Nightmare — Eternity — and Juggernaut makes three! Our master of black magic faces three of the most powerful entities in all the universe! A cataclysmic classic!

SGT. FURY #69: Our stogie-smokin' sarge is a captive — of the Nazi called Colonel Klaus! Then, enter the Howlers and the home front will never be the same again! A gasser!

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MILLIE THE MODEL #174
CHILI #5: More merry, mixed-up misadventures of America's most mirthful models and their fascinatin' flock of flipped-out friends! A riot of loony laughs!

MY LOVE #1: Everybody loves a lover and we're no exception! You don't haveta be hung up on heartthrobs, but if you like to look at gorgeous gals — this is the place to find 'em. Charlie!

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Measuring Wavelength of Light

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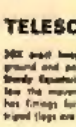

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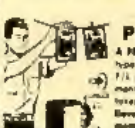

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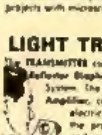

Talking on a Light Beam

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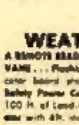

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